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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE INFO TUNIS RABAT NOV
28, 1974 FROM USUN NY REPEATED TO YOU:

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1. ON BASIS REFTTEL, ACCOMPANIED BY AMB SCHAUFLELE,
I MET WITH GOM FON MIN LARAKI AND PERMREP SLAOUI MORNING
NOV 27. I INFORMED HIM THAT US WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT
SIMPLE NON-PREJUDICIAL RES REFERRING QUESTION OF SPANISH
SAHARA TO ICJ FOR ADVISORY OPINION IF MOROCCO WOULD SUPPORT
FRIENDLY KHMER RES SUBSTANCE AND PRIORITY AND DO ITS BEST
TO ENCOURAGE TUNISIA TO DO LIKEWISE.

2. LARAKI WITH MANY DISCLAIMERS THAT TWO QUESTIONS WERE
LINKED INFORMED ME THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT FRIENDLY
RES ON BOTH SUBSTANCE AND PRIORITY AND WOULD WORK WITH
TUNISIA TO THAT END.

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3. AT THAT TIME HE GAVE US COPY OF FRENCH TEXT OF PROPOSED MOROCCAN RES WHICH IS BEING TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY. (SLAOUI GAVE SCHAUFEL ENGLISH TEXT EVENING NOV 27.) WE INFORMED LARAKI THAT WE WOULD STUDY TEXT CAREFULLY AND NOTED ESPECIALLY OP PARA 4 CONCERNING SUSPENSION OF SPANISH REFERENDUM. LARAKI STRESSED THAT OPERATIVE LANGUAGE "INVITE INSTAMMENT" WAS WEAKEST USED IN SUCH CASES AND HOPED THAT THIS WOULD CAUSE NO DIFFICULTY. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT ENGLISH TEXT, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS MOROCCAN TRANSLATION, TRANSLATES ABOVE AS "URGES" AND WE ARE QUERYING MOROCCANS AT WORKING LEVEL TO ELICIT MORE FAITHFUL TRANSLATION OF FRENCH.

4. ABOUT HALF-HOUR LATER SLAOUI SUGGEST TO SCHAUFEL THAT EMBASSY TUNIS INTERVENE AGAIN AND THAT HE (SCHAUFEL) PERSONALLY TALK TO TUNISIAN PERMREP DRISS ON THIS SUBJECT. SCHAUFEL TOLD HIM THAT HE KNEW THAT EMBASSY TUNIS HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION DRISS TOLD SCHAUFEL THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS AND HE WAS TRYING TO GET A CALL THROUGH TO TUNIS TO BE ABLE TO VOTE PRIORITY.

5. SOMEWHAT LATER LARAKI TOOK SCHAUFEL ASIDE AND SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED DRISS TO COMMUNICATE WITH FON MIN CHATTI IN LARAKI'S NAME, URGING TUNISIANS TO VOTE FOR BOTH PRIORITY AND SUBSTANCE. IN ADDITION TO AMBIGUITY ABOUT PRIORITY, TUNISIAN INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO VOTE FOR SUBSTANCE ONLY IF RES ON PRIORITY PASSED.

6. EARLY IN EVENING DRISS TOLD SCHAUFEL THAT HE WANTED TO ABSTAIN ON PRIORITY BUT WOULD VOTE FOR IF WE NEEDED HIS VOTE. AT PROPER TIME WE SO INFORMED DRISS WHO VOTED FOR PRIORITY.

7. NEVERTHELESS, AS DEPT WILL NOTE, TUNISIA ABSTAINED ON RES AS AMENDED AND ACTUALLY VOTED CONTRARY TO US AND MOROCCO ON SOME INTERVENING AMENDMENTS AND PROCEDURAL VOTES.
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